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MEET SCOTT ARMEY

Acting Regional Administrator, Rocky Mountain Region



I am honored to be serving as the Acting Regional Administrator of General Services Administration's Rocky Mountain Region since January 8, 2007. Administrator Lurita Doan asked me to accept this responsibility, in addition to my present position of Regional Administrator, Greater Southwest Region, which I was appointed to by President Bush on June 5, 2002.

Prior to entering GSA, I served as Denton County Judge from 2000 to 2002 where I was the presiding officer of the Commissioner Court and Chief Executive Officer of County Government. In this capacity, I drafted and administered a \$100 million county budget, oversaw more than 1,300 county employees, and coordinated economic development initiatives. From 1992 to 2000, I served as Denton County Commissioner in Precinct 3 where my primary objectives were stimulating economic development, attracting new business into Denton County, and expanding the county's commercial tax base.

During my five year tenure with GSA, I have been incredibly impressed each time I have had interactions with GSA employees and customers in the Rocky Mountain Region (RMR). I am very familiar with the Rocky Mountain Region as the Greater Southwest Region has been partnering with the RMR in areas of federal supply, human resources, and property disposal. My family also has roots in the Dakotas where I spent a great deal of time.

Administrator Lurita Doan and I had a productive visit to the Rocky Mountain Region on March 5 and 6, 2007. We met with USNORTHCOM and USSPACECOM in Colorado Springs and look forward to increased business in the future. We also attended GSA's Regional Quarterly Performance Review which addressed our goals and accomplishments for the first two quarters of the fiscal year as well as projections and action plans to ensure a successful year.

We concluded our trip with the EPA Building Dedication, located at 1595 Wynkoop Street in Denver, CO, and is considered to be one of the "greenest" buildings in the state.

I take great pride in knowing that GSA employees in the Rocky Mountain Region are extremely professional and dedicated to serving our customers by providing them with expert solutions to help them serve their missions. I invite you to visit our regional Web site at www.gsa.gov/r8. We stand confident and committed to serving our customers with their future needs.

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DFC NEWS

Location, Location, Location – Customers Selecting DFC for Office Space

- Sally Mayberry

Out of 28 possible locations, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Finance Center (NFC) Primary Computing Facility selected the DFC to house its data processing hardware. This business function provides payroll and personnel services to more than 560,000 federal civilian employees. It also provides administrative payments and collection information system services to more than 160 federal departments, agencies, offices, and bureaus. Through diligent collaboration, the DFC Field Office is working to meet the USDA's aggressive schedule of having its space fully operational by April 2007.

The factors that influenced the selection process included:

- Cost
- Infrastructure
- Technical talent employable in the area

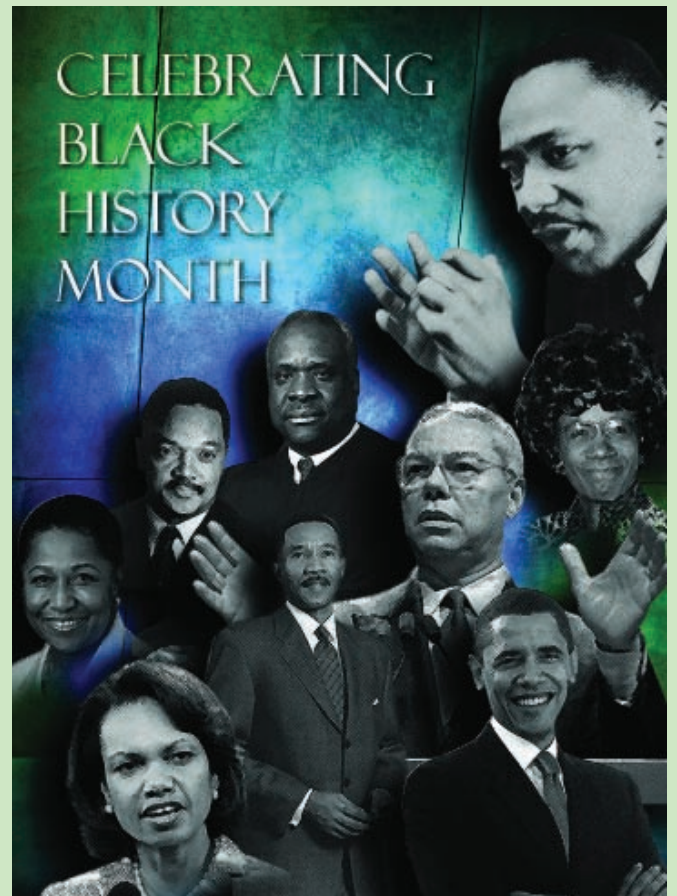
Hurricane Katrina forced the NFC to temporarily relocate its hardware from the center of New Orleans to Philadelphia. At that point, it became clear that it was time to move this business function from a high risk for natural disaster area to some place that would better ensure maintaining its continuity of operations. As referenced in Government Executive, the center's director Jerry Lofink was quoted saying, "A risk profile showed that our data processing centers were at hurricane risk right at the end of the fiscal season. We decided that Denver was the best alternative. Every now and then they get a little bit of snow."

The space consists of 18,660 net rentable square feet of office space in addition to 7,398 net rentable square feet of warehouse space that will provide an independent support system's infrastructure. The annual rent for the project is estimated at \$525,000 per annum and the space will be able to accommodate up to 20 employees. For more information, please contact Doug Porter, Property Manager at (303) 236-8000 ext. 5027.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Rocky Mountain Region Celebrates Black History Month - Shonita Mueller

As part of the observance of Black History Month, the General Services Administration (GSA) Rocky Mountain Region's Black Employment Special Emphasis Committee and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) co-sponsored "Moving History Forward: Path to Freedom and Equality, the Story of Africans in America." GSA Region 8 Senior Advisor to the Regional Administrator, Michael Bieda, and VA Director Janice Jacobs, welcomed over 100 employees from GSA, the VA, and other federal agencies. The event was hosted by retired GSA Federal Technology Service Director Renata Drake and the keynote speaker was sportscaster, weekend anchor, and author, Reggie Rivers. The program encompassed great food, live poetry and dance. Contact: James Foster, (303) 236-7152, or Shonita Mueller (303) 236-8000 ext. 2556.



SPOTLIGHT

Recognizing Talent - *Sally Mayberry*

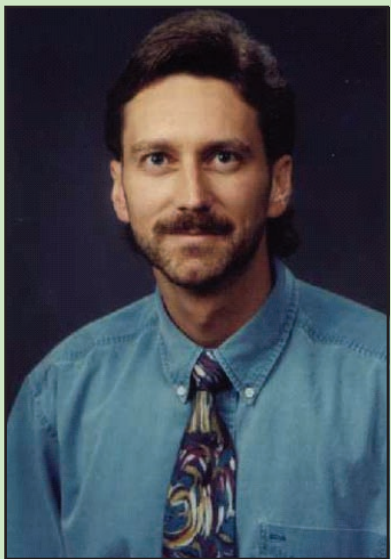


Shelly Clubb has spent the last seven years of her career in public service working both at GSA and NASA. She served as the Region 8 Environmental Manager and is now in the Office of Customer Service. She will be taking on the new role of a Regional Account Manager for such customers as the Department of Interior. Shelly has a bachelor's degree in Geology from Trinity University and a Masters of Science degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. During 2004 and 2005, she went to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration at Ames Research Center serving as Chief of Environmental Services. Prior to government service, Shelly spent several years in the environment consulting industry as a Project Geologist and in the chemical manufacturing industry as an Environmental Project Manager.

Recently, Shelly and the Environmental Programs Group along with various business line leaders in the Denver Federal Center Service Center won the prestigious 2006 Real Property Innovation Award from the Office of Governmentwide Policy. The award recognized outstanding performance and best practices in the area of sustainability, specifically for the significant contribution of the Federal Center's Sustainability and Environmental Management System (SEMS). "As a vehicle for changing its culture and improving its business practices, the SEMS has achieved environmental 'Best Practice' outcomes, resulting in cost savings to the federal government."

In her off-time, Shelly enjoys teaching undergraduate Public Administration courses to adult students in Regis University's School for Professional Studies program. She enjoys hiking and snow-shoeing and recently moved to Evergreen, Colorado, because of her love for the outdoors. She and her husband have two daughters – Anna (5) and Lorna (8).

Services in Utah - *Carolyn Helstrom*



Serving our state of Utah is Bruce Black, Customer Account Specialist for the General Services Administration (GSA), Federal Technology Service (FTS legacy). There are over 34 federal agencies in the State of Utah where Mr. Black provides extraordinary services for our customers. With his technical and marketing/business development expertise, Mr. Black demonstrates time and again in providing "assisted" acquisition services to our federal clients in Utah.

Mr. Black started his federal career at Hill Air Force Base (AFB), UT, in 1988 as an Inventory Management Specialist. In 1993, Mr. Black accepted a position at the Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA), a tenant organization at Hill AFB as a Computer Specialist and after six years went on to work as a Marketing/New Business Specialist. His last position prior to coming to GSA, was Supervisory IT Specialist in the Open Systems (Unix) Branch.

We are excited to have Mr. Black on our team and it is our pleasure to highlight him in this issue of our GSA Link Newsletter. Mr. Black's greatest satisfaction is providing a valued service for his customers and comments, "It is important to build trust with your customers. They know that I can deliver what they need. I pride myself in being proactive and getting things done on time. I love the teamwork we have between the customer, contracting officer, project manager, and the support we get from management at GSA to do our jobs."

KUDOS

Leader of Environmentally Progressive Office Buildings - Sally Mayberry

Look around and you'll see more and more companies looking for ways to minimize negative environmental impacts. An increasing number of people are starting to realize the value in conserving our natural resources. For example, over time, recycling rates have increased from 10 percent of municipal solid waste, (including things like paper, metals, glass, wood, appliances, etc.) generated in 1980 to 32 percent in 2005 (EPA's Municipal Solid Waste 2005 Facts and Figures, October 18, 2006).



GSA's Public Buildings Service (PBS) Rocky Mountain Region is leading sustainable design right into your back yard! The agency takes its role in communities seriously. The effort to incorporate more extensive green measures in government-owned and leased facilities dates back to the 1990s. A number of sustainable design buildings are already right here in the Rocky Mountain Region. You may recognize some of them. They include:

- The Alfred A. Arraj United States Courthouse in Denver, which was GSA's pilot green courthouse.
- The Sioux Falls Courthouse Square and Plaza, slated to receive a Silver LEED Certification.
- The Byron G. Rogers U.S. Courthouse in Denver received GSA's first Gold LEED certification for existing building.
- The state-of-the-art regional headquarters building for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in downtown Denver is expected to receive a Gold LEED certification.



The recently dedicated EPA regional headquarters building was awarded the prestigious 2006 Office Development of the Year award from the National Association of Industrial and Office Properties (NAIOP). The building is located at 1595 Wynkoop Street in Lower Downtown Denver. It is designed to achieve a Gold LEED – Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design -- certification, which will make it one of the “greenest” buildings in the state. In terms of energy efficiency alone, the ENERGY STAR®-certified facility is designed to operate over 30 percent better than the average building of its peers.

Special environmental features include a “green roof” that uses native vegetation to manage and clean rain water and a two-story landmark lobby with a full height nine-story atrium to increase natural day lighting and reduce light energy loads. The building also uses photovoltaic panels to generate energy. Take a look for yourself and schedule a tour by contacting Mark Pearce, GSA Project Manager, at (303) 236-8000 ext. 2271.

All of the buildings mentioned reflect GSA's commitment to sustainable design and our commitment of being responsible stewards of our nation's natural resources. We are grateful to be one of the pioneers in delivering better quality buildings and work environments to taxpayers and our customer agencies. For more information, please contact Jessica Higgins, Project Manager for Property Development at (303) 236-8000 ext. 2324 or e-mail her at jessica.higgins@gsa.gov.

KUDOS

Denver Federal Center (DFC) is Honored for its Environmental Management System (EMS)

- Brenda L. Armijo

On October 18, 2006, GSA honored the DFC EMS, Framework for a Sustainable Campus, with its GSA Achievement Award for Real Property Innovation in the field of Sustainability. In addition, the DFC received Bronze member status in the Environmental Leadership Program by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. This award recognized the DFC for its significant achievements to improve environmental management practices and ultimately develop a more sustainable campus.

The DFC EMS is a business approach to environmental management driven by several Executive Orders. The objective of the DFC EMS is to conserve resources and reduce waste. The results of the EMS include, cost reductions, fewer environmental impacts, and increased day-to-day operating efficiency.

The EMS focuses on:

- Energy and water
- Construction waste
- Green building maintenance
- Storm water quality
- Chemical handling
- Site remediation
- Recycling
- Air quality

Some of the DFC EMS's sustainability accomplishments include:

- Replacement of ten regular fuel-powered vehicles with Zero Emission Vehicles (ZEV)
- Installation of a Proton Exchange Membrane Fuel Cell in Building 40 that works in parallel with the electric grid
- Installation of solar thermal heating units to supply heated water to Buildings 50 and the Day Care Center
- Selection by Xcel Energy for one megawatt solar photovoltaic array power station
- Re-landscaping with drought-resistant vegetation; known as Xeriscaping to reduce water consumption
- Installation of water sensors which monitor moisture conditions in soils and only permits watering when needed
- Significant reductions in air emissions and cost savings through boiler replacements, retrofits, and upgrades

The EMS's success may be attributed to the action teams that focused their expertise on the EMS and achieving sustainability.

For more information on the DFC's EMS, please visit at www.gsa.gov/sems and attend Earth Day 2007 on Thursday, April 19, 2007.



UPCOMING EVENTS

PBS joint R7/R8 Customer Conference

Save the date for our next customer conference scheduled for August 13 -15, 2007, in Austin, TX. Details will follow as they become available. In the meantime, please contact Karma Phillips at 303-236-8000 ext. 2327 for further information.

UPCOMING EVENTS

COOP Catastrophic Incident Planning Workshop 2007

Since 2003, the Denver Federal Executive Board (DFEB), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and the General Services Administration (GSA), have jointly sponsored an annual Continuity of Operations (COOP) Exercise for all federal agencies within Region 8.

On April 12, 2007, 8AM to 4PM, a one-day COOP Catastrophic Incident Planning Workshop (CCIPW '07) will be presented in cooperation with and technically supported by multiple agencies within federal, state, county, and local governments. CCIPW '07 will demonstrate the value of a coordinated response to a metro-wide catastrophic incident by various levels of government. The primary focus will be on interagency cooperation. Components will include provisions from the National Incident Management Systems, the National Response Plan, Emergency Support Functions, Federal Preparedness Circular 65, and planning for Pandemic Flu.



The workshop will be held at the Arvada Center for Arts and Humanities, 6901 Wadsworth Boulevard, Arvada, CO.

CCIPW '07 will feature Subject Matter Experts from the Department of Homeland Security as well as state and local emergency services and first responders. Speakers will provide an overview of their response to a catastrophic incident, beginning with the first responder (local government) and escalating to federal involvement. The entire day will focus on the same catastrophic scenario. We anticipate more than 200 in attendance.

To register for this event, please contact the Denver Federal Executive Board at 303-676-7009 before March 23, 2007. The cost per participant is \$99.00. For more information you may contact Dennis Killinger (303) 236-2811 with GSA, or Ken Hudson (303) 235-4658 with FEMA.

CUSTOMER VISIT

GSA Administrator Meets with Air Force

- Carolyn Helstom

GSA Administrator Lurita Doan, along with Scott Armey, Acting Regional Administrator for the Region 8, Tyree Varnado, Assistant Regional Administrator, Federal Acquisition Service, Region 7, and Patrick Mulcare, Acting Assistant Regional Administrator, Federal Acquisition Service, Region 8, attended a combined Town Hall meeting with 21 Contracting Squadron; Combined USNORTHCOM/USSPACECOM, at Peterson AFB in Colorado Springs, CO, on March 5, 2007. Presiding officer was Col. Patricia Boggs. While visiting, Mrs. Doan also met with USSPACECOM Vice Commander Lt. General Klotz and Vice Commander Inge of USNORTHCOM.

In Mrs. Doan's presentation to the Department of Defense (DoD), she stated that a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between GSA and DoD has been signed to create a task force to improve interaction between the two agencies. GSA can then aide DoD in achieving strategic sourcing and meet small business goals. With both agencies partnering to achieve Acquisition Excellence, DoD can then buy from GSA with confidence in its acquisition expertise.

The MOA was signed by Emily Murphy, GSA Chief Acquisition Officer, General Services Administration and Shay D. Assad, Director of Defense Procurement & Acquisition Policy, OUSD (AT&O), DoD, dated December 6, 2006.

UPCOMING EVENTS

You Don't Want To Miss FedFleet 2007!

The Federal Fleet Policy Council, GSA's Office of Governmentwide Policy, the Interagency Committee for Aviation Policy, and GSA Fleet are proud to sponsor FedFleet 2007.

FedFleet 2007 will be held July 24 -26, 2007, at the Rosen Shingle Creek located in sunny Orlando, FL. This is a massive annual training opportunity centered on the essential topics related to the management and operation of the entire federal motor vehicle fleet of almost 600,000 vehicles.



We are confident that you'll find this 2007 workshop a quality event and an excellent value for the nominal training and travel dollars involved. Please mark your calendars and add this event to your budget now so you will not miss out!

For more information, call the FedFleet help line at 1(800) 315-4333, or send an email to help@fedfleet.org, or visit www.fedfleet.org.

Attention Small Business Owners!

Please mark your calendars for the Small Business Outreach Event, hosted by the Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce.

Join GSA and several other DoD and Agency partners in this 2007 Small Business Outreach Education and Training Conference, April 4 - 5, 2007, at the Antlers Hilton Hotel in Colorado Springs.

The purpose of "Gateway to Government Contracting" is to:

1. Provide relevant government contracting training to small businesses
2. Brief upcoming acquisitions
3. Provide formal and information networking opportunities
4. Recognize outstanding small contractors from the Pikes Peak Region

For additional information and to register, go to www.online-storefront.com/sboutreach2007/

UPCOMING EVENTS

Earth Day 2007

“Begin a Passion for the Future”

Please Join Us for an Earth Day Celebration!

Thursday, April 19, 2007
Denver Federal Center (DFC)
Building 41, Remington Arms Room
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

This year’s event will feature:

- Xeriscape seminar presented by Denver Water
- Exhibit booths providing valuable information on:
 - Land conservation
 - Energy and water usage
 - Wildlife and environmental protection
 - DFC sustainability accomplishments in alternative energy, water conservation, and recycling
- A free raffle for exciting earth-friendly products
- Grilled lunches available for purchase

Why you should attend Earth Day 2007?

- Learn about organizations that support environmental initiatives
- Learn about GSA’s Environmental Management System (EMS)
- Network with other organizations and federal employees
- Support environmentally friendly initiatives/events



Exhibit at Earth Day 2007

Don't Miss This Opportunity To:

- Showcase your organization’s sustainable development and business practices
- Promote your organization’s EMS
- Network with other organizations and federal employees
- Build a positive organization image
- Support environmentally friendly initiatives/events

To participate in this year’s celebration, please contact:

Dena Curry (303) 236-8000 ext. 5026, Dena.Curry@gsa.gov or
Robert Melvin (303) 236-8000 ext. 5040, Robert.Melvin@gsa.gov

To learn more about GSA’s SEMS and Earth Day 2007, please visit www.gsa.gov/sems.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Announcing GSA Expo 2007...

General Services Administration's International Products and Services Expo 2007, will be held May 15-17, 2007 in Orlando, FL. The Expo is a dual training conference (all CLP certified) and commercial exhibits exposition designed for all levels of government personnel who make or impact procurement decisions.

Expo Highlights:

Three (3) Days of FREE training, over 250 offerings
Earn Continuous Learning Points (CLPs)
Classes taught by federal experts
700 companies in 400,000 square feet of exhibit space
Free meeting room space to hold a meeting in conjunction with the Expo

The Expo is FREE for all civilian and military personnel, including state and local procurement officials.

Many agencies regard the Expo as a training opportunity for their acquisition personnel to acquire Continuing Learning points to meet warrant refresher requirements.

For more information, and to register if you have not already done so, please go to the GSA Expo website at expo.gsa.gov.